

## MORE WAR?

Haiti and Somalia? Have we now arrived at the constant war era that science fiction writers have predicted? Even before the profiteers have completed their wars in Yugoslavia and Israel, they are trying to start wars in Somalia and Haiti. The war profiteers make so much more money when armies are shooting-up and destroying their products than when there is peace, that they can't resist creating trouble.

And just look at the general public and the business arena . . . life goes on and business as usual. They don't seem to notice the wars. Is the media reporting any movements that are trying to stop this endless war madness? Perhaps there aren't any.

Anti-war movements don't stop wars anyway! According to a chart Buckminster Fuller once published, we have been involved in wars continuously since the Korean War. Anti-war demonstrations just drain people's energy and keep them too busy to begin building an economic system where there is no Profit in war.

I think that we would all be better off if we just ignored their wars and focused all of our energy on getting a sane and logical economy going; first, in our own life and then share the idea with others.

Is the Profit system the kind of economic system you want? One that thrives best on destruction and government waste? Wean yourself from the media and start figuring things out for yourself. Then you will

begin to see how you have been fooled.

## Psychopaths

The book HIGH RISK by Dr. Ken Magid and Carole A. McKelvey, 1987, Bantam Books, explains how psychopaths are created. It seems that in babies' first few months of life they need to bond (learn to love and trust) with their mother. Otherwise the child becomes what they now call -- "an unattached child." If bonding is not allowed to happen the child grows up without a conscience and is unable to love and they often become very cruel and even become the worst kind of killers. The book states that these children are psychopaths that are very clever actors and often rise up high in government and big corporations.

Is this why the world is going to Hell on a greased slide? Is the war department a perfect place for psychopaths to act-out their blood thirsty desire to kill? Are corporations which are destroying our environment and building planned obsolescence into their products also a perfect setting for psychopaths to act out their destructive desires.

If this is true then we have all the more reason to get the Priceless Economic System (PES) established soonest, because the number of child psychopaths is increasing by leaps and bounds. With the PES, mothers will have more time at home with their children so they will get the chance to learn to love and develop a conscience. We sure don't need more psychopaths.

The world must surely be run now by a few families of

psychopaths. They control us with money. We can easily break their control by not using money and switching to the PES as much as we can individually. In this way we create more free time to work on communicating the PES idea to others.

Anyone who takes my advice and reads this book, will thank me. It not only helps one raise kids better but helps one identify psychopaths.

## Wasters

Have you watched highway and city street construction the last few years? Now they not only build planned deterioration into our highways and streets, but now they are prolonging construction. They have few people working and make the jobs stretch out to very high cost figures. Sometimes they do the job over and over to look busy. It makes me very angry to see this new trick of the construction companies to suck-up more of the taxpayers' hard earned dollars.

## Poor People

Will the poor always be with us? Yes, for as long as we use the PROFIT system. But individuals who are poor can rise up out of poverty if they become aware of how the Profit system keeps them down. If they discover how the mass media keeps them lulled and passive and too occupied to have the time or inclination to learn the truth. How it keeps them too angry and afraid to think of how their debts are really exactly the same thing as indentured slavery.

Anyone with debts is tied to a job with unbreakable chains until he/she gets rid



of those "things" which are causing their debt. Some people live in what may look like voluntary poverty to a bystander, but are really saving up their cash to get some Independence (Freedom.

Just sit down for a minute and think about what you spend much of your spare time doing. Are these diversions keeping you from gaining extra money and are they costing you money? If you have more debts than extra money, you do not have extra money! (Mortgages and rent are debts too.) Does extra money give one a feeling of independence? Try it and see!

There are a few poor people in the United States, but if you wish to learn how really poor people have to live, go to Asia and Africa and look around. We ain't seen nothing yet in America! The same people who are causing that severe poverty seem to be taking over America. In just one generation they got the American wives into the labor market. Now the "powers-that-be" are getting 80 hours per week out of a family, whereas in my generation 40 hours per week of work would make enough money to raise a family. If this trend continues they will soon have our children working too, as in Asia and Africa.

And they will no doubt bring back the old "sweat shops" of longer hours for both mates. Look how fast they make the kids work in the fast-food places. They are sometimes running to keep up. Wow! And low wages, too. And we will see more people digging in the garbage cans and dumps, just for food to survive. It is not a pretty picture.

If you don't believe me, take some of your surplus money and take a trip to

Asia or Africa and take some side trips into the slum areas and see for yourself (as I did) what is in store for our own people. In order to have a few super-rich people you must have millions of poor people. That seems to be the formula when using the Profit system.

You will not learn the truth from the mass media. (By mass media I mean the TV, radio, tapes, CD's, videos, newspapers, magazines, comics, movies, books and billboards.) It is the major tool to keep us entertained. Here is a new definition for most current entertainment: It guides our beliefs and desires into channels that keep us in debt (indentured slavery). It makes us angry -- then we don't think straight. It keeps us feeling hopeless. It conditions us to be fearful of each other. The mass media is a delightful tool used on people who are fools. People are fooled into believing the mass media. The mass media is their GOD. It controls them! It keeps them from learning to think for themselves. It is soooooo easy to just do as one is told. To go with the flow.

#### Truth

Can we change this trend? Certainly! "The truth will set you free!" We must spread the truth about wage slavery and begin a systematic process of getting ourselves out of it. Get some independence (extra money) and get out of the Rat Race for a while, then you'll have the time to help make the changes necessary to get this old globe and its people back into a natural, harmonious, happy and free-wheeling evolution.

#### Keeping Busy

I have been busier than a cat on a hot tin roof trying to get my house insulated

before the really cold weather and snow set in.

I had never used blown-in insulation before so I asked, everyone I could think of, just how the job is done. I got 18 bags of cellulose insulation from my ex-wife's husband for free. He had them stored for years in an old garage. I bought 28 bags more and six rolls of fiber glass insulation. The fiber glass I used in my slanting ceilings in the two second-floor bedrooms and the narrow crawl space above a shed addition.

I rented a ladder, bought an electric drill and drilled 209 one-inch holes in the outside walls of the house. This 1890 house looked like it was visited by a flock of hungry woodpeckers.

The garage door was held up with a chain. I found enough old lumber laying around to get the door hung up on its hinges again and nailed it together a little better. It should get me by 'til Spring. I got up on the garage roof and did some patching to keep the rain and snow out.

It has been almost as noisy around here as two skeletons fucking on a tin roof. The house attic has no flooring so I blew the insulation between and over the joists.

#### Broke!

I have spent all my savings to buy this little house and I finally ran out of money. I had to borrow \$240 from one of my sons to get the insulation job finished. I bought an aluminum extension ladder at a farm auction for \$50, so I won't have to rent one again.

I rented a trailer to go 30 miles to rent an insulation blower. Later when I save up some money (from my \$378/mo. pension) I plan to build or buy a small trailer



to haul some of the treasures that are waiting in dumpsters and alleys in Minneapolis. When I was living there during the month of August, I found parts of five bicycles that I fixed up and gave away and rode. I have grown fond of bike riding again. I found my couch there too.

My 15 year old grandson has been helping me with this insulation job. He is a good worker, is a lot of help and we are getting along much better than we did at first.

It was scary at first when I spent my last dollar from my savings. I've had extra money for over 30 years. I may be broke, but it really feels good to know that my house and car are all paid for. How many people can say that? I expect a big depression like in 1929 & 30 to happen in about a year. The interest rates are now almost as low as they were in the 30's. That is a very bad sign. You will wish you had a small cheap house all paid for then. You'll wish you had an old cheap car all paid for too.

I'll soon have to figure out a way to earn some extra money to pay back my son for his loan. It has always felt good to me to know that I pay my own way in life. (I paid my Social Security tax when I worked for money. I figure now they are giving it back to me.) I know that the world does not owe me a living. And I still will not accept donations. I think that charity and welfare only destroy the recipient. We poor people need to learn to fend for ourselves. Learning this is fun. I find it a very creative and satisfying process. When we know that we have to . . . we do.

### Welfare

One of the reasons for Welfare Programs is, I think, to make the unemployed people passive. The Profit System needs high unemployment to cause workers to be afraid to ask for higher wages. Thus creating more PROFIT for employers. If not for welfare and charity, the unemployed would get hungry stomachs and would get out and get busy starting their own businesses and under-cut prices and run the BC's out of business because the small business does not have the high overhead and waste of the big corporations (BC'S).

Anyone who has worked for a big company has seen how much stuff gets wasted and how much time employees waste when no one is looking. This doesn't happen in a tightly run small owner-operated company. Besides that, the little company can make instant changes in its operation, where in the BC's it takes an endless amount of time for decision making. And the small poor companies do not have \$100,000+ homes and expensive cars to pay for.

### Owner Managed Business

I try to patronize owner operated businesses most of the time. The big corporations move into an area and under-price the local businesses. Sometimes these local businesses are robbers anyway and get together to "fix" prices very high. They deserve to be replaced. But the problem with the BC is that after they drive the little stores out of business, the BC's raise their prices even higher than the small store's prices were. The BC is a cutthroat after it eliminates the competition. So I try to give my

business to the smaller concerns even though it usually costs me a little more. I like to think I'm looking out for my future. It's like paying a little insurance to keep the rats from taking over.

On bigger items like insulation, I did buy it from Menard's (a big discount chain). I was told that the locals were charging exorbitant prices. Even though the BC's can buy in large discount quantities there are ways small businesses can buy together too, besides they have much lower overhead and no pyramid of executives and stockholders to pay. If a small business is not too greedy and is frugal in its operation, it can under-price and drive the BC's right out of business.

### My Second River Trip

A while after my first trip I got the idea to start a raft trip in Little Falls, MN on the Mississippi River and cruise on down to New Orleans. A lady friend about my age came with me. We took the Greyhound bus to LF and scouted around and found the Larson Boat Works Styrofoam dump. We found some boards and poles to tie together and tied the foam underneath. Then we boarded with our backpacks and paddled down stream with paddles we chopped out of boards. We stopped on the west side of the river a short way above the big dam. It was getting dark so we pitched our tent and spent the night dreaming of our next day's wild adventure.

The next day was very hot. Must have been July or August. We wore ourselves out paddling across the river to the little park above the dam. There we rested up in the shade and had a bite to eat. We hadn't



found any current to help us on our way. I supposed the dam wasn't letting much water flow over. But we figured there would be current below the dam where the water came out of the hydro electric generator.

After our rest we portaged our fairly heavy raft across Broadway Avenue and around the dam and launched it below. Then we got aboard with great anticipation of becoming Becky and Huckleberry Finn and just letting Old Man River carry us to New Orleans. We paddled all the way across the old man but found no current. So we started paddling again downstream on this hot sweltering day thinking that there might be some current a little farther on.

By the time we had paddled as far as the Pine Edge Inn which was then also the Greyhound Bus Depot, we were totally disillusioned and wore out. To make matters worse, the slight breeze was trying to blow us upstream. We tied the raft to shore and went with our packs to the Inn and bought two bus tickets to Minneapolis.

The bus wouldn't be there for a few hours so we found a young man to give the raft to and took in a movie. The bus finally came and there were no empty seats so we had to sit in the aisle as we were too tired to stand. It was a miserable 100 mile bus trip.

Anyway we had a creative fun time of designing our raft out of what material was available. It was a good little raft. It did its job. It was the Old Man, who refused to work that day.

#### Book Reviews

I WAS ROBOT (Utopia Now Possible), 1990, Ernest Mann, Little Free Press, List price

\$7.95 (\$4.95 plus \$1.05 postage, to LFP subscribers.)

This 319 page paperback pocket-book tells about getting out of the Rat Race and getting free time to travel, observe, converse, argue, think and do the things you always wanted to do. It tells about the Priceless Economic System (a money-less, credit less and barter-less system), where all the world's people would be free of war, starvation, pollution, stealing, taxes and government. It has an index.

FREE I GOT, 1993, Ernest Mann, Little Free Press, 326 pages, List price \$8.95 (\$4.95 plus \$1.05 postage to subscribers of LFP newsletter.)

FREE I GOT gives concrete things anyone can do to get out of the Rat Race and become free to live his/her own life. It explains how the present PROFIT System is destroying our life-support system. It describes a world-wide economic system where there would be no reason to steal, starve, pollute, start wars or even need taxes or a government. Just think of saving the expense of a trillion dollars a year for a government. And no more interest to pay. It would be almost Utopia. Has an index.

Well, buy the books and find out what you can do yourself to make this happen in your lifetime! Maybe even within a year from now!

#### Self-Publishing Tips (& Pitfalls to Avoid)

I have written an article with some tips on publishing and some pitfalls to avoid if you plan to self-publish. I learned some of these things the hard way. If you want a copy, send me a dollar and a stamp. This I plan to make a Profit on but it could save you thousands of dollars by becoming aware of what not

to do and will give you the names and addresses of two low priced printers (one printer also does professional typesetting), two quite reasonable binderies and one reasonable artist. It also gives you information about a more comprehensive booklet you can get on the same subject from a guy who is making a profit from self-publishing.

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If you think these ideas have any value and want to help, please have copies made and pass them on to thinking people. Think of the fun you can have and the good you may do!

If we really rolled up our sleeves and put some concentrated effort into informing people about the PES we might be able to use each major issue that the mass media comes up with to our advantage. We could then show people how simply the issue would be solved in the Priceless Economic System.

To win, the PES needs to have more people actively promoting it.

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